

Improvements to
GARVEY PLAYGROUND



June 14, 2017
Boston Parks and Recreation



AGENDA

1 Project Overview

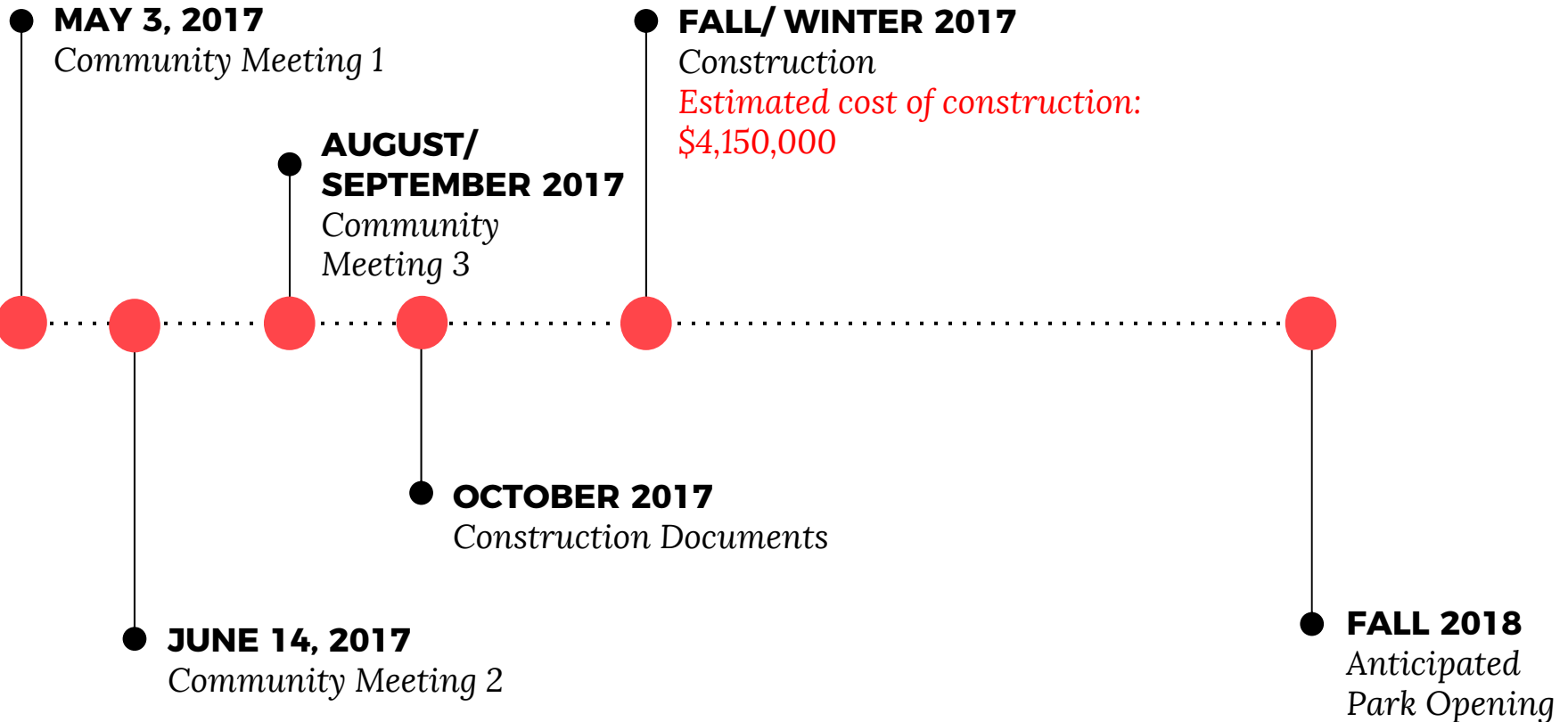
2 Project Team Introduction

3 Presentation

4 Listening & Discussion Session

5 Closing Remarks & Next Steps

PROJECT SCHEDULE & FUNDING



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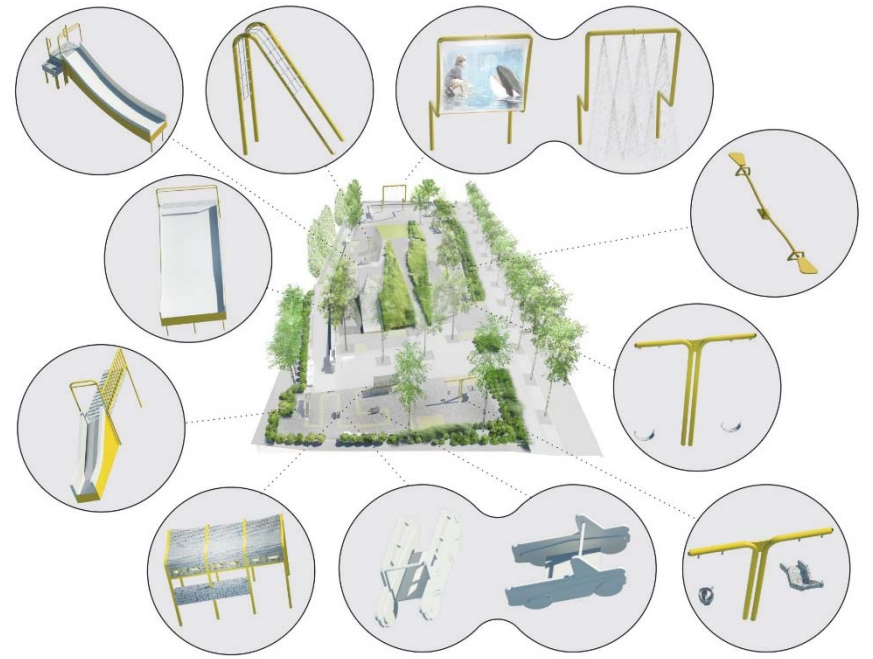
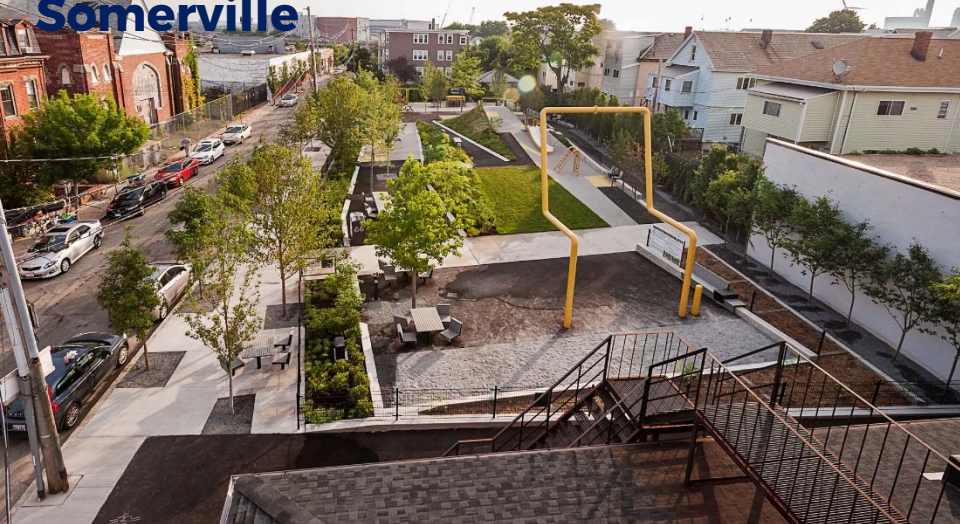
Engineering

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GroundView

Chuckie Harris Park Somerville



GroundView

Symphony Park Somerville



Samiotos

Legion Memorial Field
East Weymouth



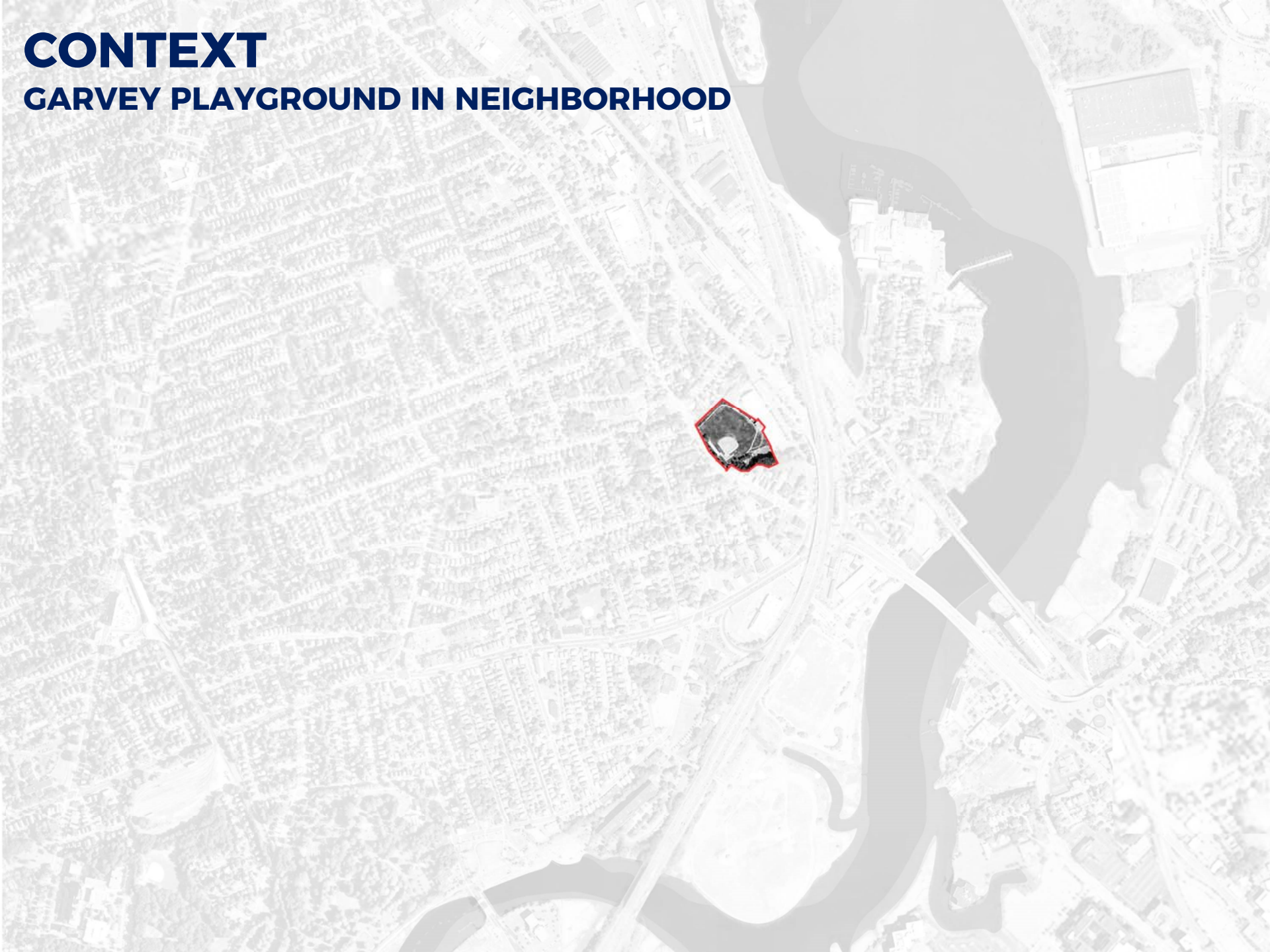
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NEIGHBORHOOD

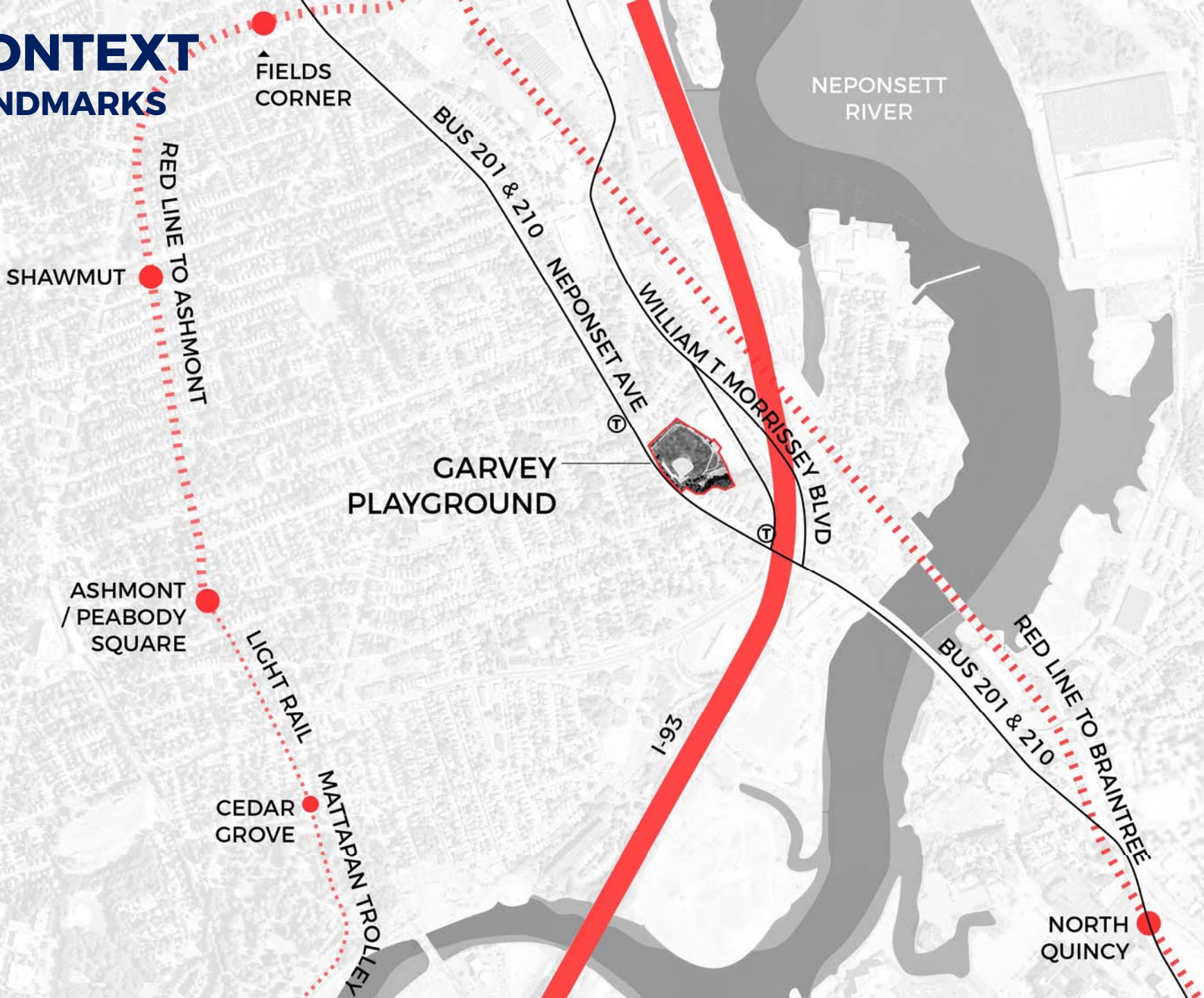


CONTEXT

GARVEY PLAYGROUND IN NEIGHBORHOOD

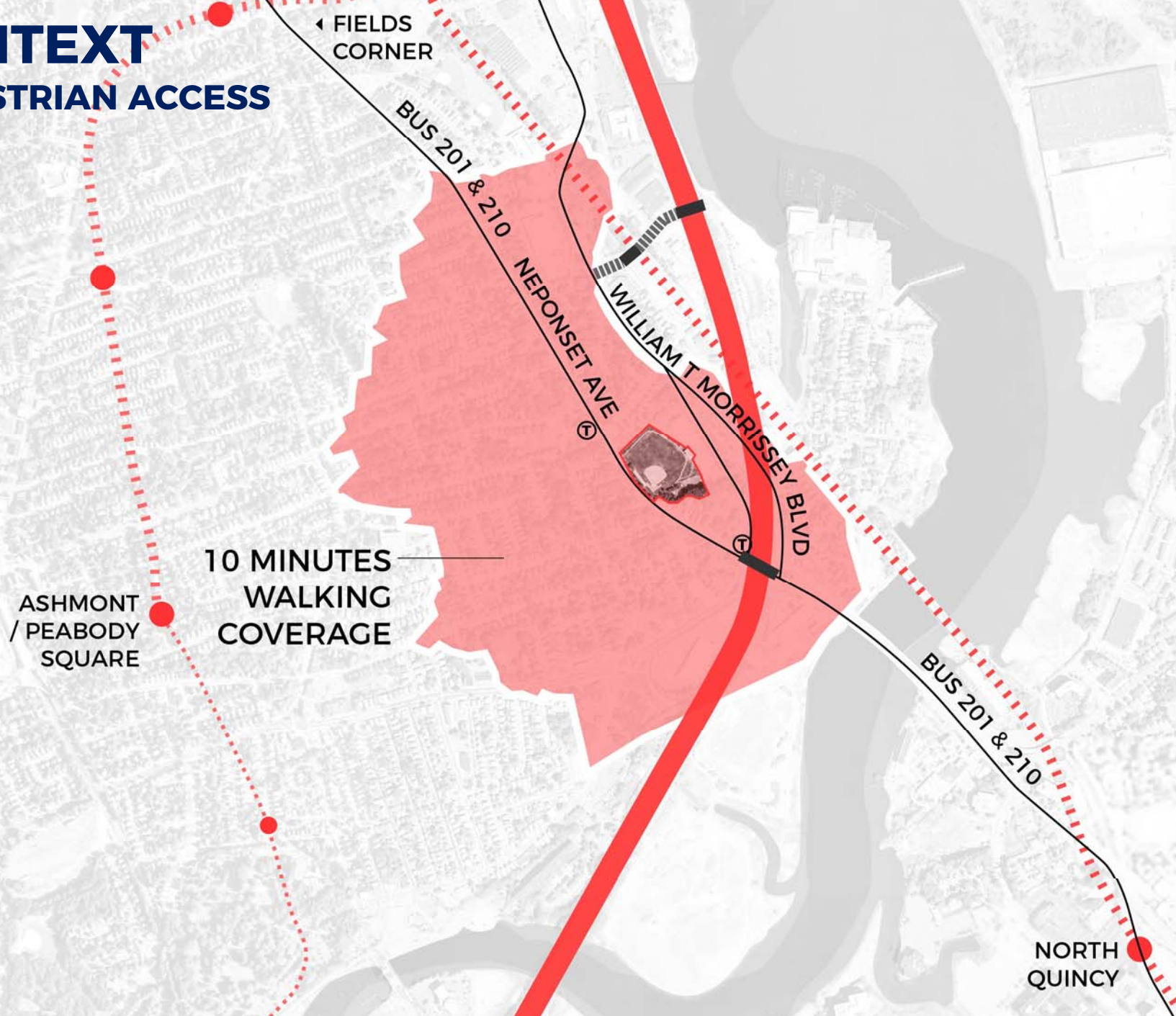


CONTEXT LANDMARKS



CONTEXT

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS



← FIELDS CORNER

BUS 201 & 210

NEPONSET AVE

WILLIAM T MORRISSEY BLVD

BUS 201 & 210

ASHMONT / PEABODY SQUARE

10 MINUTES WALKING COVERAGE

NORTH QUINCY

CONTEXT

OPEN SPACES

DOHERTY-GIBSON
PLAYGROUND

RICHARD
MURPHY
SCHOOL YARD

DORCHESTER SHORE
RESERVATION VICTORY ROAD PARK

ADAMS/KING
PLAYGROUND

CLAYMONT
TERRACE

HEMENWAY
PARK

REVEREND
LOESCH
FAMILY
PARK

TENEAN
BEACH

◀ ROBERTS
PLAYGROUND

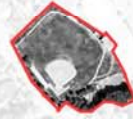
TOOHIG
PLAYGROUND

POPE JOHN PAUL II
PARK

DORCHESTER
PARK

MARTIN
PLAYGROUND

CEDAR GROVE
CEMETERY



CONTEXT



ACTIVE RECREATION FACILITIES



◀ ROBERTS
PLAYGROUND
ARTIFICIAL
TURF FIELD



PLAYLOT



SOCCER



TENNIS



BASEBALL



STREET
HOCKEY



BASKETBALL



LACROSSE



FLAG
FOOTBALL



SPLASH
PAD



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

TOOHIG



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

ROBERTS



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

REVEREND LOESCH



NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

HEMENWAY



SITE CONTEXT



SITE



Tolman St

William T Morrissey Blvd

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Metro Glass Co

Tedeschi Food Shops

Devine Rink

Garvey Playground

Neponset Ave

Neponset Ave

SITE ANALYSIS



LAWN



TREE



MORRISSEY
BLVD.

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NEPONSET
AVE.

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0 50 100 ft

SITE ANALYSIS

- Incomplete Accessible Circulation
- Flooding During and After Precipitation
- Too Little Shade
- Poor Sight Lines
- Neglected Edges
- High Demand on Facilities
- Particulate & Noise Pollution from 1-93



0 50 100 ft

PUBLIC COMMENT| survey & 5/3 meeting

(want) State of the art (athletic) facility
(artificial) Turf
Drainage (is a problem)
(not a) level playing field (surface)
Puddles at lip (of infield/outfield)
(some people like) Dirt at base (with artificial turf)
current baseball field orientation is ideal, foul balls
(add) Softball/little league (field, opposite of babe ruth field)
(want field sized for) 13-15 age group baseball field, Babe Ruth Sr.
Extra time for soccer, not ahead of baseball (permit)
Permitting parties? (Keep) Men's league
The field is uneven and hilly, not good for sports
Dips on south edge of field
Artificial turf expands the season
Grass vs. Turf?
Cost of drainage infrastructure?
High tide wet spots (on Morrissey BLVD)
Low point (DCR property, no drain west side of building)
There is NO SHADE (need more shade)
Need seating in shaded area for south edge of fields
Dug outs for shading? but homeless concern
(concrete) Bleacher go? (make room for other program)
like Roberts bleachers
(put) Seating in (existing) shaded area
Move playlot? (closer to street)
Tot lot is too shaded. Can't see child.
Slight lines? (into the park are not good, especially tot lot)
Ramp? (at the stair entrance)
Fireman's Association (occupy the Neponset Veteran's Association property)? At the periphery of the park (stair entrance)
Street hockey to have seating area in shade
Street hockey: Breaking lights?
Indoor/outdoor facility
Move street hockey and basketball (to DCR land next to their parking lot)
Dog lot on DCR's land? (north corner)
Dog Park (on Southern DCR property)
Contact Dan Hunt
At least pick up after dog sign?
3 Bubblers (field, tot lot, courts)
Restroom (need facilities for events)

(renovate) Field house (it is an extension of BCYF) community center
Track?
Circuit training (throughout park)
(don't want) sprinkler (water play. Available at nearby park)
New condo development on the north edge?
Flooding on the northwest edge (in abutters property)
Solid fence (for abutters)
New edge treatment like the retaining wall (perimeter of park)
Temporary lights in eyes of abutters
Direction at lighting for abutters??
Improve and lighting extend season
Improve northwest edge
Clean up trash at Tedeschi site
Other Parks like:
Murphy school play ground
Hemenway Park
Elliot Street Park in Milton
Lending Library
Robert's Park (field)
Would DCR give up the woody land behind the street hockey rink?
Basketball at night
Teenagers drinking in the street hockey rink and the playlot
Responders (police) are seen before kids drinking are seen
Dog park for the canopy area outside the playlot
No wood chips in play lot
Cedar grove baseball representatives prefer synthetic turf
Cedar grove baseball representatives prefer similar layout to existing
Cedar grove baseball representatives don't want to light fields for night games due to courtesy for neighbors
Flag football (they think) needs 80 yards
Two softball leagues share one field (shortage). Softball league serves kids age 5-18
Simpler the better
Dan Hunt (State Representative) could be helpful in acquiring or getting permission to use DCR land
Wonderful park!
Field house needs full renovation
One participant expressed concerns over the health risks of artificial turf; asks what data have you looked at?

Bad entry on the north side coming down from parking lot
Themes
More visibility (Neponset Ave., and Wooded area)
Maintain use for current permit holders at minimum
New walking loop/ track with exercise stations along it
Improve entries
Is budget enough? Cost of artificial turf vs. natural lawn; cost of stormwater improvements
Baseball field is very important. Do not remove.
Improve fields
Can we utilizing space between baseball field and playlot?
Can we add Bathroom? Currently sport teams using the field is responsible to clean and lock the bathroom in field house
Community concern about light at night.
Temporary lighting for 6pm to 8pm in fall for field.
No light at night
Well-lit path for safety
Other uses of the field:
To watch game
To watch concert
(all require seating)
Playground location is too setback
Needs seating
Current bleacher
Lockers on both ends
Pope John Paul fields day fills the bleacher
Future bleacher: two smaller ones. To have on each side of the baseball field
Maybe add dugout to baseball field
Maintenance for street hockey
Dog park? People don't use it/ don't clean
Need dog bag dispensers
Concerns for people use pavilion structures but don't clean after themselves
Concerns about homeless using a pavilion
Field house needs full renovation
Needs storage for sport team (flag football) facilities
Maybe to have small water feature, not big ones
Expand playlot. Maybe add areas for different age group?
Safety concerns about climbing ropes for younger kids.
Add walking path/ to have a circulation loop, improve pedestrian accessibility on the bleacher side of the baseball field
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CITY OF BOSTON PRIORITIES

- Expanding walkable access to parks
- Addressing equity
- Climate resilience
- Health
- Housing and community building



PARK AND RECREATION GOALS

- Preserve And Protect Existing Trees
- Expand Usable Park Area
- Improve Universal Access
- Enhance Park Visibility
- Improve Access to Parks
- Design Flexible, Multi-functional Park Spaces

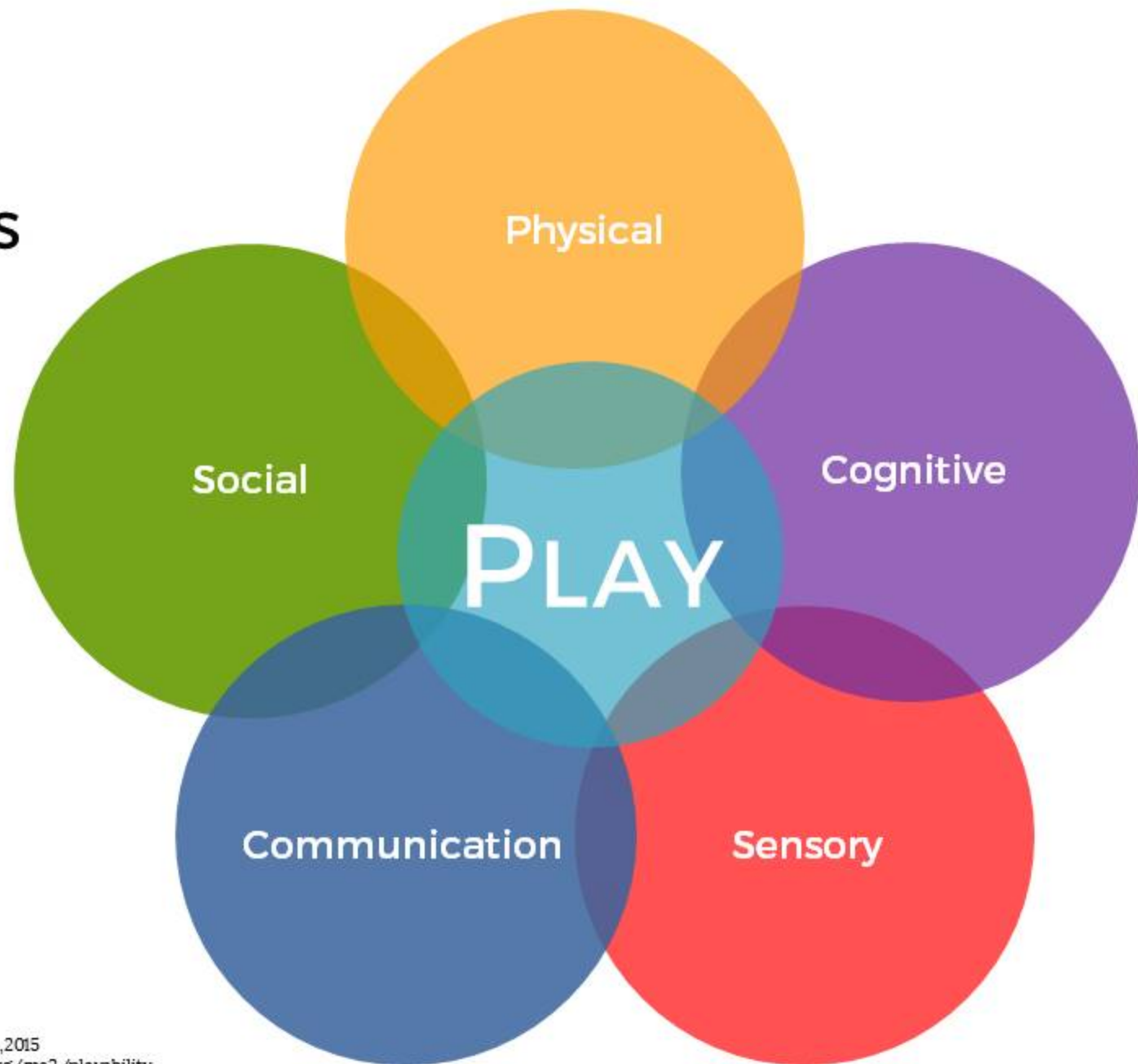


PROJECT GOALS

- Maintain Existing Programs
- Improve Facilities
- Explore Additional Components
- Create a Multifaceted Playground that Feels like one Park



THE **5**
ELEMENTS
OF
PLAY



SOCIAL/ EMOTIONAL

COOPERATION, DRAMATIC +
IMAGINATIVE PLAY



SEATING + TABLE AREAS,
THEMATIC PLAY ELEMENTS
(SHIPS), PLAY HOUSES

PHYSICAL

GROSS MOTOR/ FINE MOTOR SKILLS,
FLEXIBILITY, ACCESSIBILITY,
HEALTHY RISK + VARIETY



DISH SWINGS, MOVEABLE
OBJECTS, SWINGS, MONKEY
BARS, BALANCE

SENSORY

TOUCH, VISUAL, AUDITORY, SMELL
VESTIBULAR, PROPRIOCEPTIVE +
INTEROCEPTIVE



PUSH/ PULL ELEMENTS
WATER ELEMENTS, VARIED
TEXTURES + COLORS, SPINNING,
MOVEABLE OBJECTS, ROCKING

COGNITIVE

CREATIVITY, SENSE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT, PROBLEM-
SOLVING, CAUSE + EFFECT, RISK
ASSESSMENT



INTERACTIVE WATER ELEMENTS,
ROPE CLIMBER, LINKED PLAY
ELEMENTS

COMMUNICATION

DEVELOPMENT OF RECEPTIVE +
EXPRESSIVE LANGUAGE



TALK TUBES, SLIDES, THEMATIC
PLAY ELEMENTS, TRIKE TRACK,
SEE SAWS

CONCEPT PLANS INCLUDE

- **Multipurpose Artificial Turf Field**
 - Baseball Field, Flag Football Field (100 YD), Lacrosse, Soccer
 - Backstop, Player Seating, Spectator Seating
- **Basketball Court**
- **Street Hockey Court**
- **Play Areas**
 - 2-5yr , 5-12+yr
- **Accessible Route**
 - Entrances, Connecting Programs, Field House
- **Cooling Station**
- **Trees**
- **Lighting**
 - Field, Park, Courts?
- **Site Furnishings**
 - Seating, Bike Racks, Bottle Filling Station, Trash & Dog Waste Station

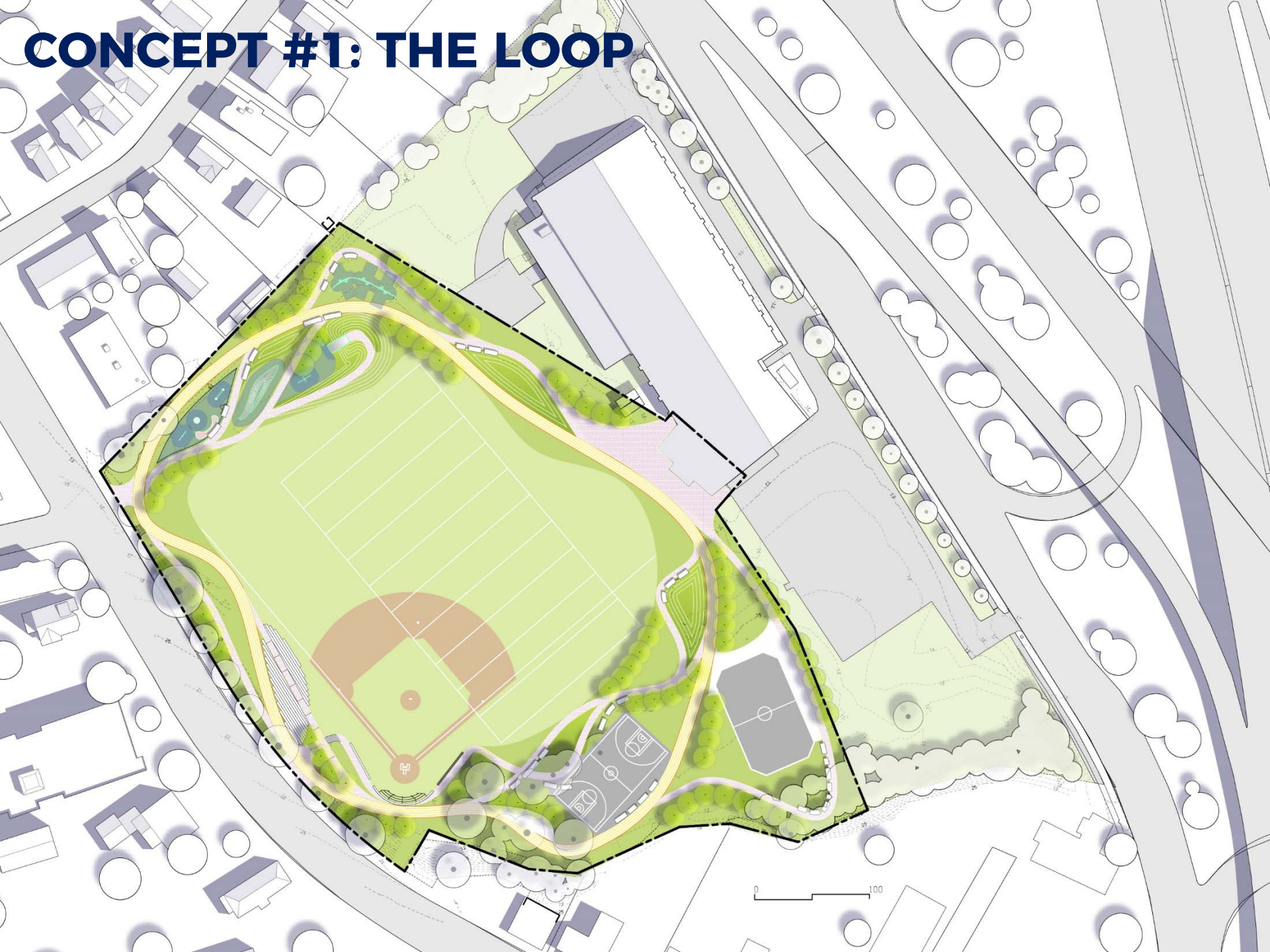
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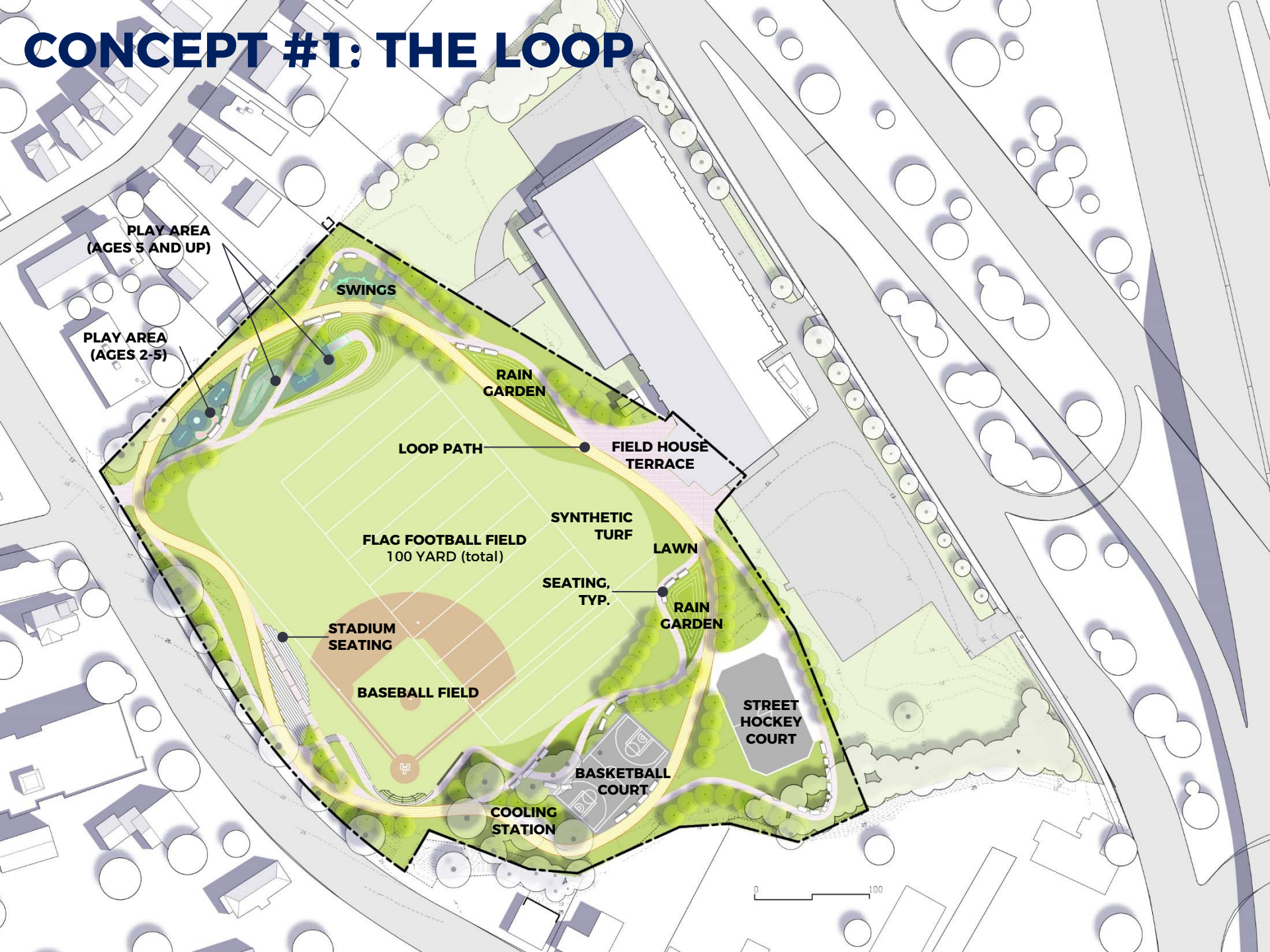
SITE FURNISHINGS



CONCEPT #1: THE LOOP



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CHARACTER PROGRAM CONNECTED BY LOOP PATH



PLAY

CLASSIC PLAY ELEMENTS



SWINGS



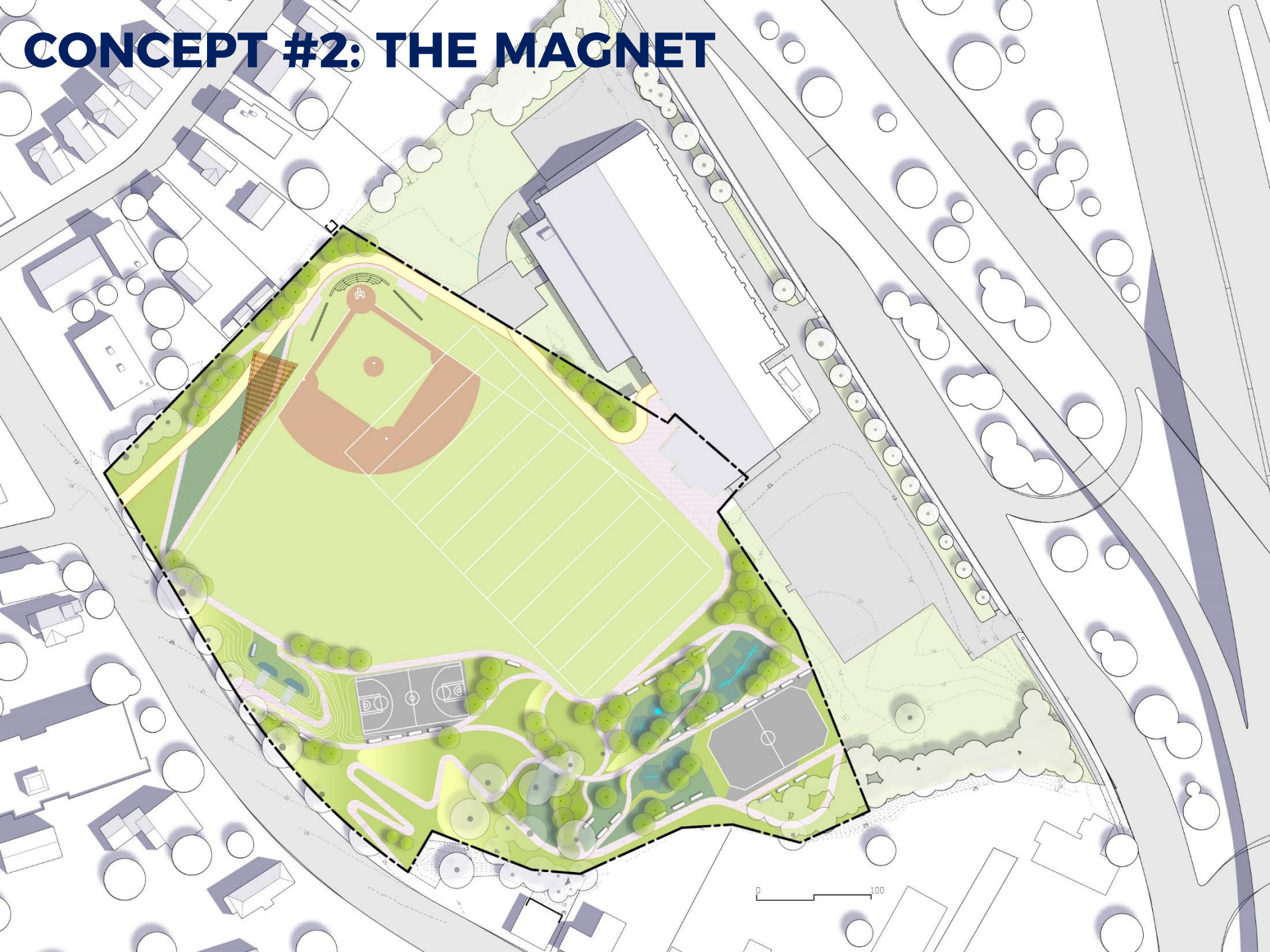
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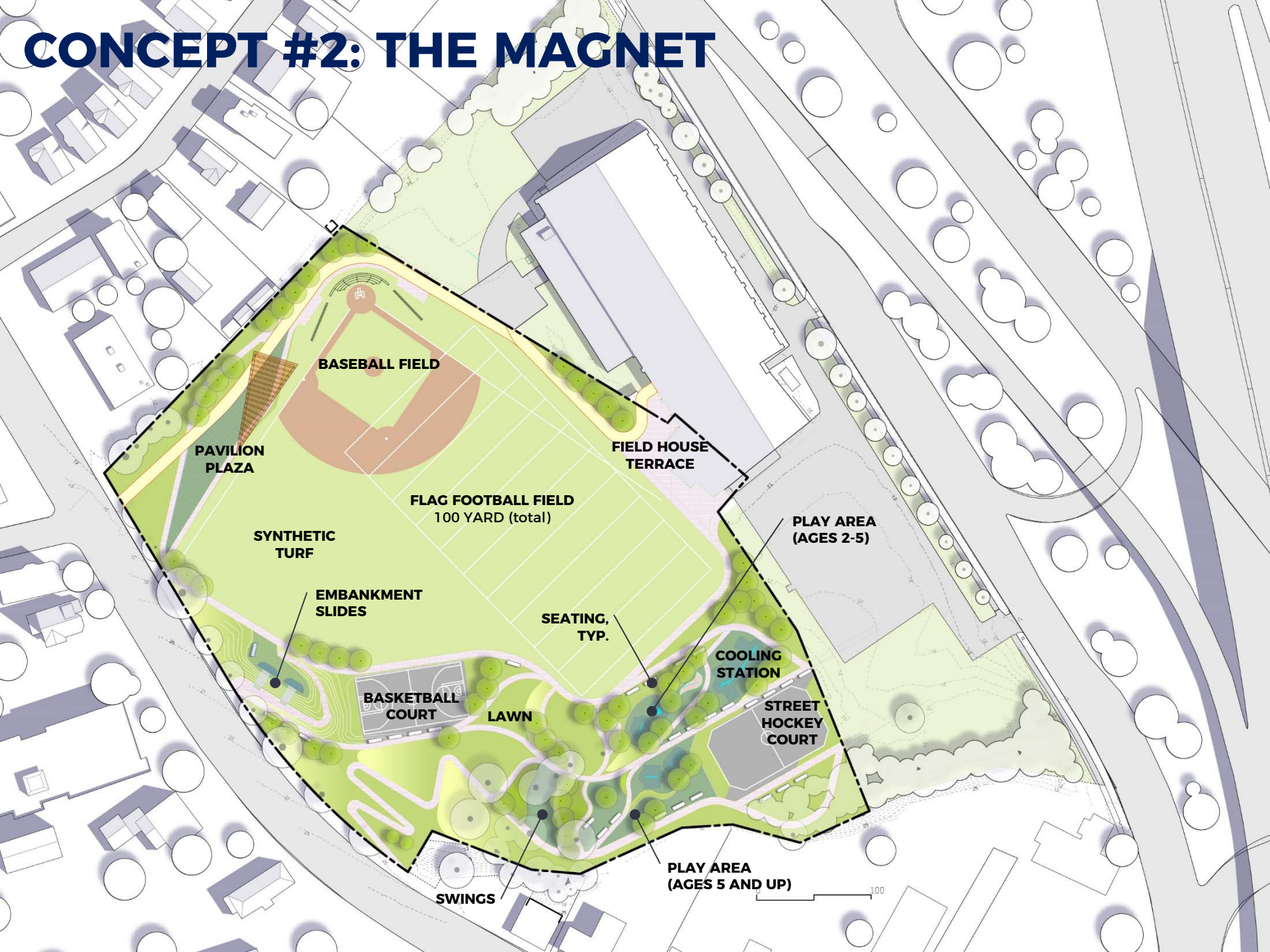
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CONCEPT #2: THE MAGNET



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BASEBALL FIELD

PAVILION PLAZA

FIELD HOUSE TERRACE

FLAG FOOTBALL FIELD
100 YARD (total)

SYNTHETIC TURF

PLAY AREA
(AGES 2-5)

EMBANKMENT SLIDES

SEATING, TYP.

COOLING STATION

BASKETBALL COURT

LAWN

STREET HOCKEY COURT

SWINGS

PLAY AREA
(AGES 5 AND UP)

100

CHARACTER PROGRAM SET WITHIN EXPANDED TREE CANOPY



PLAY

ORGANIC PLAY ELEMENTS



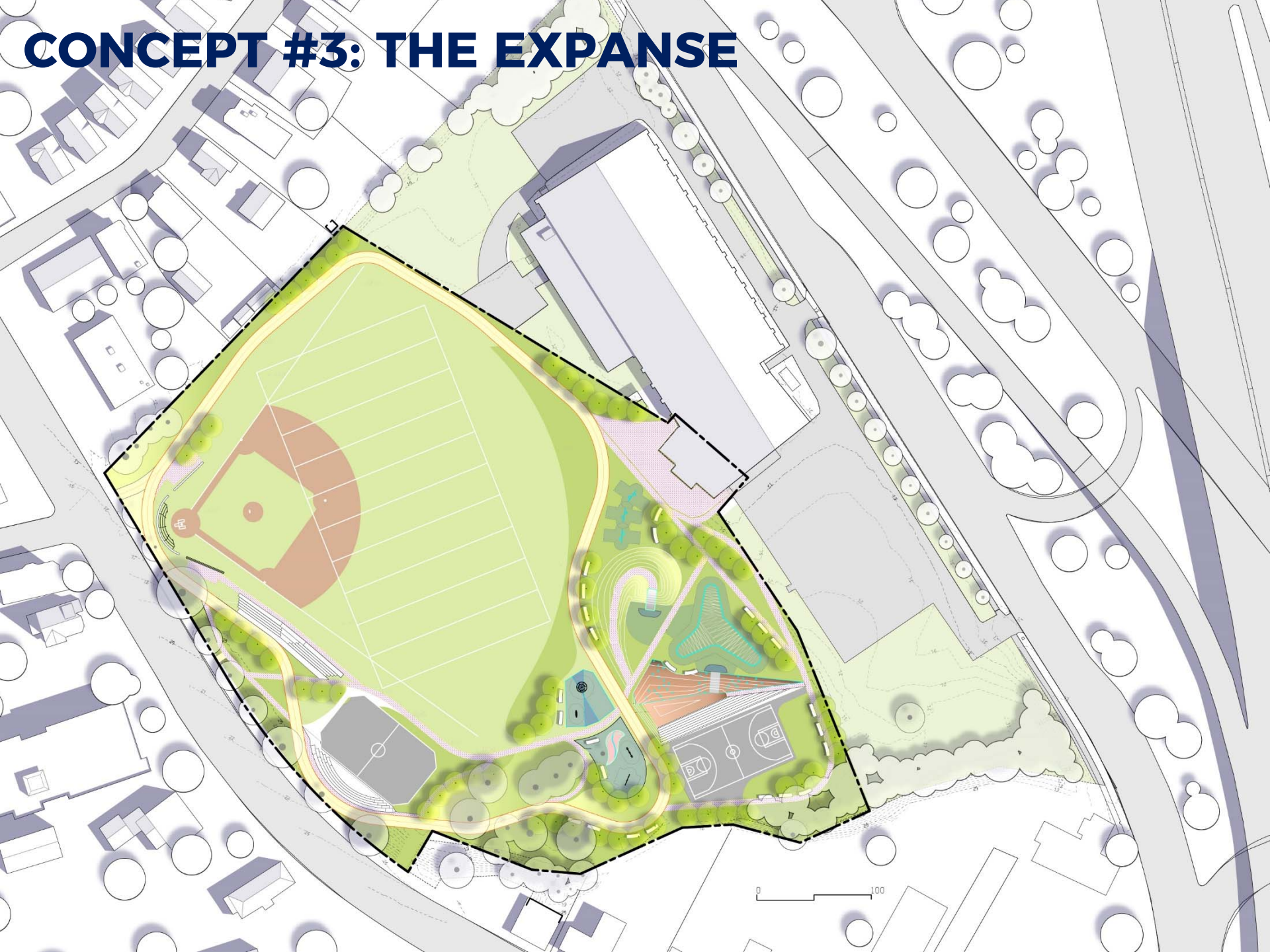
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CONCEPT #2: THE MAGNET



CONCEPT #3: THE EXPANSE



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CHARACTER

PROGRAM INTEGRATED WITH LANDFORM



PLAY ICONIC PLAYELEMENTS



FEATURES



CONCEPT #3: THE EXPANSE



FACILITIES

BY SQUARE FOOT

	Baseball	Lacrosse	Flag football	Soccer	Basketball	Street Hockey
Existing Site	71,604	42,066	51,500	39,600	4,700	5,800
#1 Loop	81,688	42,066	57,650	39,600	4,700	5,800
#2 Magnet	78,564	42,066	48,041	39,600	4,700	5,800
#3 Expanse	82,420	42,066	48,041	39,600	4,700	5,800

LISTENING & DISCUSSION



Help us build great parks.
Let us know what matters to you.

Design Concepts Survey

<http://sgiz.mobi/s3/8924a1775eec>

Project Website

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/improvements-garvey-playground>

THANK YOU!

**Next Meeting:
August/September 2017 - TBD**

For questions, maintenance requests or
concerns regarding any of our
parks contact 311

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